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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITION NO.403 OF 2021

UMESHCHANDRA L. JOSHI

... PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF GOA, THR. ITS
CHIEF SECRETARY AND 2 ORS.

... RESPONDENTS

**Mr. Deepak Gaonkar and Mr. Akhil Govenkar, Advocates for
the Petitioner.**

**Mr. D. Pangam, Advocate General with Ms. M. Correia,
Additional Government Advocate for the Respondents.**

**CORAM: M. S. SONAK &
R.N. LADDHA, JJ.**

DATED: 21st June 2022

ORAL ORDER :

1. Mr. Gaonkar, learned Counsel for the petitioner, based on the instructions from the petitioner, who is present in the Court, states that the petitioner will not, without prejudice to his rights and contentions, press the application dated 09.01.2020 at Annexure F, page 121 of the paper book, before the disciplinary authority.

2. Mr. Gaonkar again, on instructions, states that the petitioner will be satisfied if the Inquiry Officer completes the

inquiry including by way of submission of an inquiry report within three months from today. Mr. Gaonkar refers to the statement at paragraph 22 of the affidavit filed by the Inquiry Officer and submits that directions be issued for completion of the inquiry within three months from today.

3. The learned Advocate General states that the Inquiry Officer will complete the inquiry including by way of submitting the inquiry report within three months from today.

4. The above statement is accepted and this petition is disposed of. The petitioner should also cooperate with the Inquiry Officer for completion of the inquiry.

5. We make it clear that we have not examined the merits of the matter because we think that the merits have to be firstly examined by the Inquiry Officer. Therefore, all contentions of all parties on merits are kept expressly open. By accepting the above statement of the learned Advocate General and directing the Inquiry Officer to act accordingly, we dispose of this petition. There shall be no orders for costs.

R.N. LADDHA, J.

M. S. SONAK, J.